

**IL HIE Advisory Committee  
Behavioral Health Work Group  
Meeting Notes  
March 1, 2012**

**Attendees (all by phone)**

Connie Christen, Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS)  
Mark Chudzinski, Office of Health Information Technology (OHIT)  
Dia Cirillo, Office of Health Information Technology  
Mary Colleran, Trilogy, Inc.  
Kathye Gorosh, New Age Services Corporation  
Jim Hobbs, Department of Human Services (DHS)  
Marvin Lindsey, Community Behavioral Health Association of Illinois  
Rick Nance, Department of Human Services  
Mike Ouska, Lutheran Social Services

**Welcome and Review of Minutes**

Roll call was taken. The group approved the meeting minutes from the February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Update on OHIT Activities**

***Behavioral Health Integration Project***

**Mark Chudzinski** introduced **Dia Cirillo** from OHIT to the group. Dia is the new project director of the Illinois Behavioral Health Integration Project (BHIP). The project is funded jointly by the Center for Integrated Health Solutions' and the federal Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Illinois was awarded \$600,000 in January, 2012 and the project kicked off in February with project planning.

**Dia** said that a press release regarding the project was recently done and it was distributed to this work group. This project will work to develop the legal and operational framework necessary to protect consumer patient confidentiality while helping to facilitate data exchange among behavioral health and primary care providers.

The project has three broad components to it. One is the communications plan around education, engagement and feedback. The other two components are research and development. A capacity study will be conducted to have a better understanding of the universe of behavioral health providers in Illinois and their willingness and ability to adopt electronic health records (EHR) and exchange data. Under this grant, two to three demonstration sites will be hosted in Illinois for the exchange of data. In order to do this, OHIT is looking at the development of a consent form and provider agreements for the current legal environment to support and enhance facilitation of data exchange largely relying on ILHIE Direct. They will also look at the development of legislation and regulations to propose new law to enhance the exchange of data and prepare and support providers as they adopt EHR.

Two statewide meetings will be held for the project. One is scheduled on March 29, 2012 in Naperville with video conferencing in Springfield. Information will be sent out next week about that meeting.

**Mike Ouska** asked how the system will work through ILHIE Direct. **Dia** responded that for the demonstration projects for this grant, the most convenient way to facilitate exchange of data under current Illinois law is through ILHIE Direct. ILHIE Direct is simply a secure email function that can include attachments. OHIT is also exploring ways to exchange data with other Health Information Exchanges in the state. That will depend upon how they will structure their architecture. **Mark Chudzinski** said that OHIT is focusing on is the fact that in the behavioral health community, there is a huge gap in terms of adoption of EHR systems. The behavioral health community is not as resourced as some of the large hospital systems and was not included in the federal incentive payment program. As an interim solution for providers that don't have EHR systems, ILHIE Direct will at least get providers connectivity to the Internet and a direct, secure mail box to begin getting more electronically sophisticated and capable of someday having an EHR system.

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**Mark Chudzinski** said that everything is going forward and the big news is that OHIT is working with Dia to develop a great program.

#### **Update on the Survey**

**Jim Hobbs** reported that the mental health and DHS Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse list serves were used for the distribution of the survey. The lists include vendors, providers and various stakeholders. The survey was also distributed to the Illinois Psychological Association mailing list and several others. Marvin and Jim will develop a survey analysis document and will present it at the BHIP event on March 29<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Next Meeting**

The next work group call is scheduled on Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. Meeting adjourned.